SUBJECT No. 257.

Night schools.

Messrs. B. Kesaviengar and Kesavadasiengar, Belur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Night schools may be opened for boys above ten years of age. Poor people take to agriculture even when they are ten years old to earn their livelihood.

Reply of Government.—This is being done.

SUBJECT No. 258.

Establishment of Sanskrit schools out of temple and matt funds.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikkalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Sanskrit schools may be established out of temple and matt funds in suitable centres.

Reply of Government.—The request is reasonable and will receive consideration.

SUBJECT No. 259.

Discontinuance of grants to Mission schools.

Mr. M. K. Krishna Murti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Out of the Hindu raiyats' money, grants are being given to Mission schools for imparting secular education to young Hindu boys and girls. But the Missionaries are known to often misuse the trust that is placed in them in the shape of grant. The innocent children of those Hindu parents who on account of want of proper facilities for education in their places confide their boys and girls to such schools are forced to read, in the shape of Bible tracts and church books, all sorts of unwholesome and nasty literature. Often these books are given free for private reading in houses and as prize books. Of late a few such Kanarese tracts were casually brought to the notice of the public, in one of which the Brahmins as a class are vilely abused and in another the Lingayets. A perusal of the books will convince Government how mischievous and pernicious the intention of the writers is and how demoralising in effect such books are on the plastic minds of children. It is not therefore just that such men should be fed from the money of the Hindus by a Hindu Government. The grants given to them may therefore be kindly discontinued.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 260.

Budget grant of the Education Department to be raised, etc.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The budget grant of the Education Department may be increased, so that efficient teachers may be appointed in Colleges, all the science subjects taught in the Bangalore and Mysore Colleges, increases of pay given to schoolmasters, school buildings, apparatus, etc., provided, manual training organised and so forth.

A written representation on the subject was also presented by Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Government quite recognize the desirability of additional expenditure on education as far as the State's finances permit.

SUBJECT No. 261.

Grants to Libraries in the State.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that grants may be sanctioned to all the Libraries in the State including private institutions.

Reply of Government.—Noted.